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RE: New Patent Application in U.S.
Applicant(s): Yukihiisa KATO et al.
Title: FRUIT VINEGAR FROM RAW MATERIAL FLAVORFUL ACID
CITRUS FRUIT JUICE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME
Atty's Docket: KATO=15

Sir:

Attached herewith is the above-identified application for Letters Patent including:

- ☒ Specification (13 pages), claims (2 pages) and abstract (1 page)
- ☐ _____ Sheets Drawings (Figures 1-)
 - ☐ Formal ☐ Informal

- ☒ The inventors of this application are:

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The inventors are citizens of Japan.

- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Supplemental Preliminary Amendment adding new claims 12-20

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (in duplicate)

The following statements are applicable:

- ☒ The benefit under 35 USC §119 is claimed of the filing date of: Japanese Application No. 09-257987 in Japan on September 8, 1997; and Japanese Application No. not yet received in Japan on August 28, 1998. A certified copy of said priority documents
 - ☐ is attached
 - ☐ was filed in progenitor case _____ on _____.
- ☐ The present application is a ☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional
 - ☐ Continuation-in-part of prior application No. _____. Although this application is stated to be a CIP, applicant does not concede that any matter is presented in this application which is not present in the parent.

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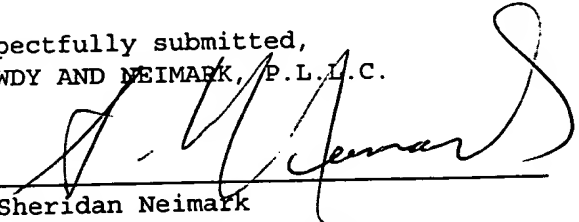
- [] Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- [] A signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application is attached.
- [] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a ___ continuation ___ division of copending parent application Serial No. filed _____.--
- [] Certain documents were previously cited or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the following prior application _____, which is relied upon under 35 USC §120. Applicants identify these documents by attaching hereto a form PTO-1449 listing these documents, and request that they be considered and made of record in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d). Per Section 1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be filed in this application.
- [] A verified statement claiming small entity status is enclosed in progenitor application no. _____, filed _____. Status is still proper and desired. A copy of such small entity statement is attached hereto.
- [] The undersigned attorney of record hereby revokes the powers of attorney of:
- [] The undersigned attorney of record hereby appoints associate power of attorney, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith to:
- [X] In accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(a) and (b), it is respectfully requested that a serial number and filing date be assigned to this application as of the date of receipt of the present papers. In accordance with the present procedures of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, an executed Declaration and the filing fee for the present application will be filed in due course.
- [X] No authorization is given for charging the filing fee at the present time. However, at such time that the declaration is filed, but not before, you are authorized to charge whatever excess fees are necessary (including the filing fee and any extension of time fees then due) to Deposit Account 02-4035, if any such fees due are not fully covered by check filed at that time.
- [X] The attorneys of record in this application will be Sheridan Neimark, Reg. No. 20,520; Roger L. Browdy, Reg. No. 25,618; Anne M. Kornbau, Reg. No. 25,884; Norman J. Latker, Reg. No. 19,963; Iver P. Cooper, Reg. No. 28,005; *Allen C. Yun, Reg. No. 37,971 and Nick Bromer, Reg. No. 33,478 (*Patent Agent). Please send all correspondence with respect to this case to:

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[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment of fees accompanying this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-4035.

Respectfully submitted,
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